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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tuesday, November 19, 2019
Thompson Town Hall – Seney Room
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by First Selectman Amy St Onge.

- I. Roll Call: First Selectman Amy St Onge, Selectman Susanne Witkowski, Selectman Ken Beausoleil/absent-family matter
Steve Benoit (Director, Emergency Management), Charlene Langlois (EDC Branding & Planning and Zoning), Melinda Smith (Superintendent of Schools), Steve Herbert (BOF), Leslie Munshower (Recreation Director), John Rice (Building Committee), Al and Lynn Landry, Brian Loffredo, many Thompson middle school students, many members of the public, WINY,
Staff: Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- II. Motion by A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the minutes of the BOS Meeting 10-15-2019 and the BOS Special Meeting 10-17-2019 carried unanimously.

III. Correspondence

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| A. Access - Thank You Letter | I. SACCEC - Thank You Letter |
| B. United Services - 55 th Anniversary | J. CFOEC – Invitation to Annual Celebration |
| C. DESPP - NIS-CT Audit | K. Fire Marshal Report |
| D. Chamber of Commerce – Business After Hours | L. Resignation Recreation Commission – S. Bordua |
| E. Cecile Monahan Letter | M. DESSP – October Services |
| F. Chamber of Commerce – Tastefully New England | N. Prescription Services Usage |
| G. SmithCurrie - PILT Payment | O. Eversource EPPI Exercise |
| H. E-mail Correspondence re: 363 Quaddick Town Farm Rd | |

Comments regarding correspondence: A. St Onge-the letter of resignation from Recreation Commission Chair Steve Bordua: Steve, who has served in that capacity for many years but is now relocating, was thanked for his service; Recreation Director Leslie Munshower will work with A. St Onge to prepare a Certificate of Recognition.
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to accept the resignation of Steve Bordua from the Recreation Commission with regret carried unanimously
–Fire Marshal Report: Jamie Senay was praised for the report he submitted

- S. Witkowski – the Water Table matter: the memos/correspondence seem incomplete, as some responses are not visible, especially any from Cindy Dunne, ZEO. She asks that “copy all/reply all” be used with town matters.
- Fire Marshal year-to-date Report: Jamie Senay was praised for its completeness

IV. Selectmen Comments:

- A. St Onge-the DPW/Red Bridge Road completion of the paving on Saturday
- S. Witkowski – none

V. Citizen Comments:

- Jeff Bolte, 1081 Riverside Dr: notes his concern that School Security is not on the agenda. A. St Onge: the matter is going directly to the BOF
- John Dalton, E. Thompson Road: asks about the status of the Grant, previously, approved providing for security measures at the schools. M. Smith: work is currently underway; anti-ballistic film for windows is installed and the gates, cameras and other items are progressing.
- Resident of Brandy Hill Road asks about the timeline for the painting of lines
- Steve Herbert: congratulates the two Selectmen on their election. He suggests formal recognition of the work by Al and Lynn Landry on the town hall welcoming planter box.
- Gail Arsenault, Spicer Road: offers a “Thank you and welcome” to the new Selectmen from the Thompson Residential Preservation and Protection Alliance.

VI. Board of Education Request for School Roof Replacement Funding Resolution:

documentation from Engineers Tighe and Bond, 11/12/2019 indicates the project is planned to not exceed \$4,700,000. Discussion of the need for this work has been on-going for a period of years, and will now go to referendum. M. Smith: The town will pay for the project, with subsequent reimbursement of 70.2% or about \$1.4 million. J. Rice noted that 100,000 square feet of roofing is included in this project, as only roofs which are 20 years old or more qualify for reimbursement.

A. St Onge read The Resolution to approve School Roof Replacement Funding

Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the Resolution for the Roof Project carried unanimously.

Motion to re-sequence the Agenda to move Executive Session, item VII to become the new item XI, due to the timing of a scheduled phone conversation during the Executive Session, carried unanimously.

VII. **Motion by A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the 2020 BOS Meeting Calendar as presented carried unanimously.**

VIII. **Motion by A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the hiring of Highway Maintainer staff members Mathew Whipple and Keith Berube, as recommended by DPW Director R. Benoit, carried unanimously.** The hire date will be December 9, 2019, pending health certifications.

IX. Joint Meeting: Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance & Fire Advisory Committee in December 2019- the meeting is to discuss potential Fire Department funding sources to meet OSHA and other requirements. The BOS suggests possible dates for a joint meeting:

Thursday December 5 at 7 PM, Wednesday December 11 at 7 PM or Saturday, December 7 at 10 AM. The list will be conveyed to the BOF and to the Fire Advisory Committee.

- X. Tri-Board Meeting: Board of Selectmen, Board of Education & Board of Finance, in January 2020- the BOS suggests a mid-month joint meeting probably in the evening. This is proposed since now the Budget Municipal Workshops are being moved to the evening, providing greater opportunity for public input. M. Smith will work with the BOE to develop a list of suggested dates and provide it to the BOF and the BOS.
- XI. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to go into Executive Session at 7:24 PM to address a Thompson -State Retirement Commission Matter carried unanimously.** Executive Session ended at 7:54 PM. The regular monthly meeting resumed. A St Onge read into the record a Resolution regarding the matter.
Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski that the BOS adopt the settlement Resolution carried unanimously. It was subsequently signed and dated.
- XII. Certificates Of Appreciation:
 Daniel P. Roy, Sr. - Zoning Board of Appeals, 20 years
 John J. O'Connell - Zoning Board of Appeals, 10 years
 William A. Cacciapouti - Planning & Zoning Commission, 10 years
 A. St Onge read each of the Citations: Recognizing with gratitude the shared knowledge, the dedication of time and energy by this resident over the years of service, with appreciation and best wishes.
- XIII. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to confirm the appointments as listed carried unanimously.**
 Appointments:
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| Paul Provost | Building Committee |
| Amy St. Onge | Charter Communications Northeast Advisory Committee |
| Luke Asselin | East Thompson Fire Police Commission |
| Jennie Raymond | East Thompson Fire Police Commission |
| Robert Emmons Jr. | East Thompson Fire Police Commission |
| Steve Raymond | East Thompson Fire Police Commission |
| Logan Miller | East Thompson Fire Police Commission |
| Tyra Penn-Gesek | Eastern Regional Tourism District |
| Amy St. Onge | Northeast Connecticut Council of Government |
| Amy St. Onge | Northeast Connecticut Transit District |
| Hogan Krohn | Thompson Hill Fire Police Commission |
| Dale Fifield | Thompson Hill Fire Police Commission |
| Paul Feige | Thompson Hill Fire Police Commission |
| Randy Fifield | Thompson Hill Fire Police Commission |
- XIV. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to confirm the re-appointments as listed carried unanimously.**
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| Therese Horvath | Agent for the Elderly |
| A. Richard Trudeau | Charter Communications Northeast Advisory Committee |
| Allen Gauthier | Community Fire Police Commission |

Donald R. Deslauriers	Community Fire Police Commission
Ernest Vandale	Community Fire Police Commission
Frank Heath	Community Fire Police Commission
Frederick Edward Cote	Community Fire Police Commission
John J. Rice	Community Fire Police Commission
John LaFontaine	Community Fire Police Commission
Melissa A. Wisnieski	Community Fire Police Commission
Renee Waldron	Community Fire Police Commission
Rocco S. Navarro Jr.	Community Fire Police Commission
Wendy Pieper	Community Fire Police Commission
Alan C. Pratt	Constable
Christopher Walch	Constable
Dennis A. Tackson	Constable
Donald A. Brown	Constable
George Henry Mooney, Jr.	Constable
James A. Niedzialkoski	Constable
Brian Howell	Emergency Management Deputy Director
Orla McKiernan-Raftery	Town Treasurer
Karen Durlach	Transfer Station Advisory Committee
Al Landry	Transfer Station Advisory Committee
Anna Czerwinska	Transfer Station Advisory Committee
David Ostrowski	Transfer Station Advisory Committee
Lynn Landry	Transfer Station Advisory Committee
Paul Horanzy	Transfer Station Advisory Committee
Kevin Racine	Transfer Station Advisory Committee - Alternate
Alan C. Pratt	West Thompson Fire Police Commission
Alex Brown	West Thompson Fire Police Commission
Celeste Therrien	West Thompson Fire Police Commission
Mathew Whipple	West Thompson Fire Police Commission
Stephanie Pratt	West Thompson Fire Police Commission

XV. Other Business: none

XVI. Citizens' Comments:

S. Herbert- asks the financial impact to the town of the now-resolved Retirement Commission matter. A. St Onge – this is unknown today

C. Langlois – when an Executive Session is scheduled for near the end of the agenda, all the citizens who attend a meeting are better able to participate rather than waiting so long, with some of them needing to leave. A. St Onge – agrees that scheduling Executive Sessions near the end of the agenda is preferable, but tonight, a scheduled phone conversation with a party essential to the matter determined the timing. Both selectmen agree in normal situations.

- Britany Charboneau, Juliette Ave- states her concern about the status of Spring Sports at the high school, which is also reflected by the number of parents and students in attendance at this meeting. She notes that there is a limited amount of time left to confirm the schedule.

A. St Onge – the BOF has this matter on their agenda this Thursday night.

- XVII. **Motion A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski to approve the two groups of tax refunds as listed for a total of \$4,378.53 carried unanimously.**

ACAR Leasing LTD	\$206.32	Nissan Infiniti LT	\$165.39
Arnett, Pamela M.	\$127.98	Nissan Infiniti LT	\$287.79
Baublitz, Dedrick A. and Jennifer E.	\$166.50	Nissan Infiniti LT	\$104.25
	\$46.65	Nissan Infiniti LT	\$303.34
Boucher, Brain D.	\$46.65	Nissan Infiniti LT	\$391.00
Brunnett, Ioanna B. and Bageris, Lambros	\$77.76	Nissan Infiniti LT	\$429.29
		Nissan Infiniti LT	\$313.85
Cleary, Theresa A.	\$133.64	Nissan Infiniti LT	\$27.70
Davis, Jeffrey and Melissa	\$85.06	Nissan Infiniti LT	\$51.95
Fougere, Albert F. Jr.	166.17	Nozzolillo, Mark S. and Anne E.	\$14.85
Honda Lease Trust	\$133.62	Plaza, Mark	\$38.08
Honda Lease Trust	\$172.47	Rock, Trevor E.	\$107.92
Houghton, Steven P.	\$75.78	Southall, Barbara L.	\$26.50
Kim, Arrik H. And Janet A.	\$27.03	Vear, John W. and Jennifer A.	\$222.14
McRoy, Nathaniel	\$116.80		

THE FOLLOWING ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS:

Barrette, William A. and Lisa J.	\$25.67	O'Brien, Belinda A.	\$44.21
Lindell, Gary J.	\$128.85	O'Brien, Wayne D.	\$49.06
Lindell, Gary J.	\$94.90	O'Brien, Wayne D.	\$17.01

- XVIII. **Motion for adjournment by A. St Onge seconded by S. Witkowski carried unanimously.**
A. St Onge adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Durst, Recording Secretary Dorothy Durst

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Board of Selectmen. Please refer to next month's meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.